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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): SHIMADA, et al.

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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

February 26, 2002

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 26,  
2001, please amend the above-identified application as  
follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 6, 10 and 14 as follows:

6 (twice amended) A method of inhibiting neurodegeneration,  
which comprises administering an effective dose of a xanthine  
derivative represented by formula (I):